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To: Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, Chairman
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NOTICE OF INTENT TO EXECUTE AMENDMENTS TO EXTEND SOLE SOURCE CONTRACTS

This is to inform your Board that the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) will be using Board delegated authority to execute amendments to extend five sole source contracts. This notice is sent to ensure DCFS' compliance with the County of Los Angeles Board Policy number 5.100, Sole Source Contracting, which requires County Departments to provide a two-week notice to your Board prior to negotiating contracts over \$250,000.

On November 29, 2011, your Board approved the Inter-Agency Council on Child Abuse and Neglect (ICAN) Board letter requesting to continue funding these contracts for two additional years and to delegate authority to the Interim Director of DCFS or his designee to execute these amendments. With these amendments, the multi-year total for each contract exceeds \$250,000. However, the Board letter did not identify the contracts as Sole Source.

As approved by your Board, we executed the amendment to extend the Friends Outside in Los Angeles County contract, effective February 1, 2012. However, we will not move forward with executing the amendments to the other four contracts until two weeks after this notice. The approved start dates for the extended contracts are listed below.

The program costs are funded with birth certificate surcharge revenue pursuant to AB 2994 funds, which are deposited into the Department's Children's Trust Fund. DCFS identified sufficient funds to continue these programs for two additional years. The two-year cost of these amendments is \$987,172; the total budgeted four year program cost is \$1,974,344.

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Contractor	Program	Sup Dist.	Start Date
Friends Outside in Los Angeles County	Incarcerated Parent Project	4 th	February 1, 2012
Friends of the Family (FOF)	Family Visitation Center and Safe Child Custody Exchange Program	3 rd	April 1, 2012
Grace Resource Center (GRC)	Family Visitation Center and Safe Child Custody Exchange Program	5 th	May 15, 2012
Gramercy Housing Group (GRG)	Services for Single Parents Between the Ages of 18 and 24 who are Pregnant or Have a Young Child Under Age 5	2 nd	April 1, 2012
Alma Family Services	Child Abuse Prevention and Early Intervention Project for the Developmentally Disabled Children	1 st	January 1, 2013

Incarcerated Parents Program

Friends Outside in Los Angeles County is a community-based non-profit organization that works with DCFS and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department to schedule and complete visitation between foster children and their incarcerated parents. The Contractor also provides case management services to assist the parents in accessing services designed to help grow the quality of their communication and attachment with their children.

Family Visitation Center and Safe Child Custody Exchange Programs

Family Visitation Centers are located in community-based churches which provide a neutral setting in a safe, child and family friendly atmosphere for meaningful visits between children in out-of-home care and their birth parents. The Safe Child Custody Exchange Program provides a safe environment where custody exchanges occur peacefully and without exposing the children to additional harm.

Services for Single Parents Between the Ages of 18 and 24 who are Pregnant or Have a Young Child Under Age 5 (some of whom may be emancipated foster youth)

Gramercy Housing Group (GHG) is a community-based non-profit organization that operates a housing services program for pregnant or single parents between the ages of 18 and 24 who have children under the age of 5. The families served have incomes at or below the Federal Poverty Level at the time of entering the program; some former emancipated foster youth also receive these housing services.

Child Abuse Prevention and Early Intervention Project for Developmentally Disabled Children

Alma Family Services created a specialized child abuse and neglect prevention/early intervention project focused on developmentally disabled children. The overall project goal is to provide child abuse prevention/early intervention, and specialized case management services to prevent child abuse or neglect or to prevent re-victimization of these children. The program provides appropriate specialized case management support, parent training, support groups, and education for these families on how to prevent future abuse and neglect.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me or your staff may contact Aldo Marin, Board Liaison, at (213) 351-5530.

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